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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

An Office Action was mailed on June 28, 2002. Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 14 and 16 – 56 are pending in the present application.

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 14 and 16 – 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,764,736 to Shachar et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,919,247 to Van Hoff et al. and U.S. Patent No. 4,995,074 to Goldman et al. Claims 29 – 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shachar in view of Goldman. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.